



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Confirmation No.:

XIAO-AN ZHANG ET AL

Serial No.: 10/618,358

Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

For:

MOLECULAR MECHANICAL DEVICES WITH A BAND

GAP CHANGE ACTIVATED BY AN ELECTRIC FIELD

FOR OPTICAL SWITCHING APPLICATIONS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned, which is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/844,862, filed April 27, 2001, recently allowed. Amendments to the specification and claims are provided in the following Amendments to the Specification and Amendments to the Claims, respectively.